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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GENERAL SAAD EL SHASLI, CHIEF OF STAFF,
EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES

1. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS INQUIRED CONCERNING THE RANK OF GENERAL SHASLI IN THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AS THIS RANK AFFECTS HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S ENTITLEMENT TO FOREIGN OFFICIAL PROTECTION WITHIN THE MEANING OF PUBLIC LAW 92-539 (ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS). GENERAL SHASLI'S DAUGHTER IS A RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (UTAH) AND IS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. IF GENERAL SHASLI IS A FOREIGN OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, THEN BOTH HE AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE STATUTE DURING THEIR PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEFINITION OF "FOREIGN OFFICIAL" CONTAINED IN THE STATUTE IS AS FOLLOWS: "A CHIEF OF STATE OR THE POLITICAL EQUIVALENT, PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER OFFICER OF CABINET RANK OR ABOVE OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT . . ."

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2. THE EGYPTIAN INTEREST SECTION IN WASHINGTON HAS

INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT GENERAL SHASLI, AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES, HOLDS A RANK EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE. DIRECT CONTACT BY JUSTICE WITH GENERAL SHASLI'S DAUGHTER REVEALS THAT SHE

IS OF THE OPINION THAT HER FATHER'S RANK IS NOT OF CABINET LEVEL OR ABOVE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INTERESTS SECTION IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IN FACT GENERAL SHASLI DOES HOLD A POSITION OF CABINET RANK OR ABOVE SO AS TO BE ENTITLED TO PROTECTION UNDER P.L. 92-539. IF SO, APPROPRIATE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO EXTEND REQUISITE PROTECTION TO HIS DAUGHTER WHILE SHE REMAINS IN U.S. KISSINGER

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